

## ADJECTIVES

### Comparison

Adjective	Comparative form (compares 2 items)	Superlative form* (compares 3(+) items)	Examples
<b>Most 1-syllable adjectives</b>	-er	-est	cheaper, cheapest
<b>2-syllable adjectives ending in -y</b>	-er	-est	prettier, prettiest
<b>Most 2(+) -syllable adjectives</b>	“more” + adjective	“most” + adjective	more beautiful, most beautiful
<b>Some 2-syllable adjectives</b>	-er or “more” + adjective	-est or “most” + adjective	gentler or more gentle, gentlest or most gentle
<b>Irregular adjectives</b> good bad far**	better worse farther/further	best worst farthest/furthest	better, best worse, worst farther/further, farthest/furthest

\* "the" + superlative adjectives

\*\* farther/farthest (for distance), further/furthest (for continuation)

## ADVERBS

### Comparison

Adverb	Comparative form (compares 2 items)	Superlative form* (compares 3(+) items)	Examples
<b>-ly adverbs</b>	“more” + adverb	“most” + adverb	more carefully, most carefully
<b>1-syllable adverbs</b>	-er	-est	faster, fastest
<b>Irregular adverbs</b> well badly far**	better worse farther/further	best worst farthest/furthest	better, best worse, worst farther/further, farthest/furthest

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Azar, *Fundamentals of English Grammar*

### Forming comparisons:

as + adjective/adverb + as  
(Joe is as tall as John.)

...comparative adjective/adverb + than  
(Joe is taller than John is.)

**the + comparative adjective..., the + comparative adjective**  
(The harder it storms, the more worried the little boy gets.)